

**Calendar No. 557**

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**S. 1962**

**[Report No. 119–138]**

To amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from granting a license or United States market access for a geostationary orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite system, or an authorization to use an individually licensed earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license, grant of market access, or authorization would be held or controlled by an entity that produces or provides any covered communications equipment or service or an affiliate of such an entity, and for other purposes.

---

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 2025

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Reported by Mr. CRUZ, with an amendment and an amendment to the title

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

---

**A BILL**

To amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from granting a license or United States market access for a geostationary orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite system, or an au-

thorization to use an individually licensed earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license, grant of market access, or authorization would be held or controlled by an entity that produces or provides any covered communications equipment or service or an affiliate of such an entity, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Secure Space Act of  
 5 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON GRANT OF CERTAIN SATELLITE**  
 7 **LICENSES, UNITED STATES MARKET ACCESS,**  
 8 **OR EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secure and Trusted Commu-  
 10 nications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)  
 11 is amended—

12 (1) by redesignating sections 10 and 11 as sec-  
 13 tions 11 and 12, respectively; and

14 (2) by inserting after section 9 the following:

15 **“SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON GRANT OF CERTAIN SATELLITE**  
 16 **LICENSES, UNITED STATES MARKET ACCESS,**  
 17 **OR EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.**

18 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 “(1) AFFILIATE.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘affiliate’  
 2           means an entity that (directly or indirectly)  
 3           owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or  
 4           is under common ownership or control with, an-  
 5           other entity.

6           “(B) OWN.—For purposes of this para-  
 7           graph, the term ‘own’ means to have, possess,  
 8           or otherwise control an equity interest (or the  
 9           equivalent thereof) of not less than 10 percent.

10          “(2) BLANKET-LICENSED EARTH STATION.—  
 11          The term ‘blanket-licensed earth station’ means an  
 12          earth station that is licensed with a geostationary  
 13          orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit  
 14          satellite system.

15          “(3) GATEWAY STATION.—The term ‘gateway  
 16          station’ means an earth station or a group of earth  
 17          stations that—

18               “(A) supports the routing and switching  
 19               functions of a geostationary orbit satellite sys-  
 20               tem or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-  
 21               tem;

22               “(B) may also be used for telemetry, track-  
 23               ing, and command transmissions;

24               “(C) does not originate or terminate com-  
 25               munication traffic; and

1           ~~“(D) is not for the exclusive use of any~~  
 2           ~~customer.~~

3           ~~“(4) INDIVIDUALLY LICENSED EARTH STA-~~  
 4           ~~TION.—The term ‘individually licensed earth station’~~  
 5           ~~means—~~

6           ~~“(A) an earth station (other than a blan-~~  
 7           ~~ket-licensed earth station) that sends a signal~~  
 8           ~~to, and receives a signal from, a geostationary~~  
 9           ~~orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary~~  
 10           ~~orbit satellite system; or~~

11           ~~“(B) a gateway station.~~

12           ~~“(b) PROHIBITION.—The Commission may not grant~~  
 13           ~~a license for, or a petition for a declaratory ruling to ac-~~  
 14           ~~cess the United States market using, a geostationary orbit~~  
 15           ~~satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-~~  
 16           ~~tem, or an authorization to use an individually licensed~~  
 17           ~~earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the li-~~  
 18           ~~cense, grant of market access, or authorization would be~~  
 19           ~~held or controlled by—~~

20           ~~“(1) an entity that produces or provides any~~  
 21           ~~covered communications equipment or service; or~~

22           ~~“(2) an affiliate of an entity described in para-~~  
 23           ~~graph (1).”.~~

24           ~~(b) APPLICABILITY.—Section 10 of the Secure and~~  
 25           ~~Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, as added~~

1 by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to the grant  
 2 of a license, petition, or authorization on or after the date  
 3 of enactment of this Act.

4 (c) **RULES.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of  
 5 enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Com-  
 6 mission shall issue rules to implement section 10 of the  
 7 Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of  
 8 2019, as added by subsection (a).

9 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

10 *This Act may be cited as the “Secure Space Act of*  
 11 *2026”.*

12 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON GRANT OF CERTAIN SATELLITE LI-**  
 13 **CENSES, UNITED STATES MARKET ACCESS,**  
 14 **OR EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.**

15 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—*The Secure and Trusted Commu-*  
 16 *nications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)*  
 17 *is amended—*

18 (1) *by redesignating sections 10 and 11 as sec-*  
 19 *tions 11 and 12, respectively; and*

20 (2) *by inserting after section 9 the following:*

21 **“SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON GRANT OF CERTAIN SATELLITE**  
 22 **LICENSES, UNITED STATES MARKET ACCESS,**  
 23 **OR EARTH STATION AUTHORIZATIONS.**

24 **“(a) DEFINITIONS.**—*In this section:*

25 **“(1) AFFILIATE.**—

1           “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—The term ‘affiliate’  
 2           *means an entity that (directly or indirectly)*  
 3           *owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is*  
 4           *under common ownership or control with, an-*  
 5           *other entity.*

6           “(B) *OWN.*—For purposes of this para-  
 7           *graph, the term ‘own’ means to have, possess, or*  
 8           *otherwise control an equity interest (or the*  
 9           *equivalent thereof) of not less than 10 percent.*

10          “(2) *BLANKET-LICENSED EARTH STATION.*—The  
 11          *term ‘blanket-licensed earth station’ means an earth*  
 12          *station that is licensed with a geostationary orbit sat-*  
 13          *ellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite sys-*  
 14          *tem.*

15          “(3) *GATEWAY STATION.*—The term ‘gateway  
 16          *station’ means an earth station or a group of earth*  
 17          *stations that—*

18                 “(A) *supports the routing and switching*  
 19                 *functions of a geostationary orbit satellite system*  
 20                 *or a nongeostationary orbit satellite system;*

21                 “(B) *may also be used for telemetry, track-*  
 22                 *ing, and command transmissions;*

23                 “(C) *does not originate or terminate com-*  
 24                 *munication traffic; and*

1                   “(D) is not for the exclusive use of any cus-  
2                   tomer.

3                   “(4) INDIVIDUALLY LICENSED EARTH STATION.—  
4                   The term ‘individually licensed earth station’  
5                   means—

6                   “(A) an earth station (other than a blanket-  
7                   licensed earth station) that sends a signal to,  
8                   and receives a signal from, a geostationary orbit  
9                   satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit sat-  
10                  ellite system; or

11                  “(B) a gateway station.

12                  “(b) PROHIBITION.—The Commission may not grant  
13                  a license for, or a petition for a declaratory ruling to access  
14                  the United States market using, a geostationary orbit sat-  
15                  ellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite system,  
16                  or an authorization to use an individually licensed earth  
17                  station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license,  
18                  grant of market access, or authorization would be held or  
19                  controlled by—

20                  “(1) an entity identified on the list published by  
21                  the Commission under section 2(a); or

22                  “(2) an affiliate of an entity described in para-  
23                  graph (1).

24                  “(c) FURTHER CONSIDERATION FOR SECURED NET-  
25                  WORKS.—

1           “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Commission may issue*  
2           *a report assessing supply chain security risks associ-*  
3           *ated with any earth station licensee, geostationary*  
4           *orbit satellite system licensee, nongeostationary orbit*  
5           *satellite system licensee, or entity granted a declara-*  
6           *tory ruling to access the United States market using*  
7           *a geostationary orbit satellite system or nongeos-*  
8           *stationary orbit satellite system, or an affiliate of*  
9           *such a licensee or entity, that provides communica-*  
10          *tions equipment designed, developed, manufactured,*  
11          *or assembled by an entity identified on the list pub-*  
12          *lished by the Commission under section 2(a).*

13           “(2) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Nothing in*  
14          *paragraph (1) shall be construed to expand or con-*  
15          *tract the authority of the Commission.”.*

16          (b) *APPLICABILITY.*—*Section 10 of the Secure and*  
17          *Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019, as added*  
18          *by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to the grant of*  
19          *a license, petition, or authorization on or after the date of*  
20          *enactment of this Act.*

21          (c) *RULES.*—*Not later than 1 year after the date of*  
22          *enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Com-*  
23          *mission shall issue rules to implement section 10 of the Se-*  
24          *cure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019,*  
25          *as added by subsection (a).*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from granting a license or United States market access for a geostationary orbit satellite system or a non-geostationary orbit satellite system, or an authorization to use an individually licensed earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license, grant of market access, or authorization would be held or controlled by an entity identified on the Covered List or an affiliate of such an entity, and for other purposes.”.

Calendar No. 557

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2D Session

**S. 1962**

[Report No. 119–138]

**A BILL**

To amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019 to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from granting a license or United States market access for a geostationary orbit satellite system or a nongeostationary orbit satellite system, or an authorization to use an individually licensed earth station or a blanket-licensed earth station, if the license, grant of market access, or authorization would be held or controlled by an entity that produces or provides any covered communications equipment or service or an affiliate of such an entity, and for other purposes.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Reported with an amendment and an amendment to the title